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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

THROUGH : General Counsel

FROM : Director of Security

SUBJECT : Standard Agency Age Policy for

Applicant Polygraphs

1. Action Requested: It is requested that you approve Office of Security policy that all applicants will be routinely afforded a polygraph examination at age 18.

2. Background: Currently female applicants under 18 years of age are cleared through Secret only and they are not polygraphed. Upon entering on duty, they are given a brief security interview which covers important security matters such as connection with foreign intelligence, communism, possible blackmail, etc. However, no questions concerning homosexual activity are asked.

Girls who are 18 years of age, but not 19, can volunteer to take a polygraph examination and be cleared for Top Secret. Historically this has happened in every case. All female applicants 19 or over are routinely polygraphed during their entrance on duty processing.

The current policy for males under 19 years of age is that a medical approval must be obtained before polygraph. However, it is pointed out that the Office of Security policy is that no one is polygraphed until after a medical approval is given to insure there are no problems in this area prior to conducting such tests.

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- 3. Staff Position: Since 18 years is now generally considered to be the age of adulthood for most purposes, it is felt Agency policy should recognize this fact and require polygraphs of all applicants who are at least 18 years of age, regardless of sex.
- 4. Recommendation: It is recommended that you approve the following two elements concerning Agency polygraph policy:
  - a. All applicants who are 18 years of age will be afforded a polygraph examination on a routine basis following a medical approval.
  - b. The policy of not polygraphing any applicant under age 18 shall continue. Applicants under age 18 will be afforded a security interview which will cover the important security concerns. Upon reaching age 18 these individuals will be afforded a polygraph interview.

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